

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Monday when intended for Wednesday's paper and not later than Thursday for Saturday's issue. This, of course, applies only to regular correspondence. In case of items of unusual news value, send in immediately by mail, telephone or telegraph. Such news stories are acceptable up to the hour of going to press. Wednesday's paper is printed Tuesday afternoon and Saturday's paper Friday afternoon.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, May 30.—Miss Bettie Frierson is at home from Pelzer, where she has been teaching for the past term.

Dr. Mendell Jenkins Pope, of Edisto Island, spent Sunday in our midst.

Miss Emma Barnwell has returned home, after an extended visit to relatives in Atlanta, Marietta, Rome and Nashville.

Mr. Alex. Norris spent the weekend in Columbia.

Miss Fessie Barnwell is at home for the summer vacation from St. Mary's College, Raleigh.

"The Stateburg High School," taught by Miss H. Lee Moore, closed today after a very successful term.

Miss Virginia Saunders is spending in a most delightful manner, two weeks at Annapolis, Md.

Miss Minna Richardson returned to her home in Sumter several days ago, after a visit to her brother, Mr. R. C. Richardson at "Farm Hill."

ROCKY BLUFF.

Rocky Bluff, May 31.—We are still having dry weather and have not had a good rain since the 15th of April. Corn is fine considering the dry weather, cotton is small.

Mrs. Fred Broadway and baby, and Mrs. Richard Broadway and baby, spent last Thursday with Mrs. W. F. Barfield.

Mr. Charley Broadway and sister, Miss Esther, of Sumter, spent last Friday with their sister, Mrs. W. F. Barfield.

Mrs. G. P. Josey and son, Charlie, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Willie McLeod.

Mr. Frank Ardis and family of Dallsell spent Sunday with Mr. Sumter Watts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hatfield and children spent Sunday at Mr. W. F. Baker's.

Little Miss Inez Barfield is spending this week with relatives in Sumter.

Mrs. Ellie Mooneyham and baby are spending a few days with relatives at Oswego.

The stork has been busy this week. He visited Mrs. W. F. Barfield yesterday and left a sweet little baby girl.

After a very pleasant stay of a few days in Orangeburg, Mr. Howard Jones and daughter, Lessie, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Jones returned home Wednesday from the Orangeburg college, where she has been a student for the past session.

EGYPT.

Egypt, May 27.—We have had two fine showers this week which helped the young crops very much. The oat crop has been harvested and a very good crop of them too. Most of the farmers will sow peas in their stubble land.

Miss Annie Jenkins of Rembert is visiting relatives in Egypt.

The Misses Dot and Pearl Napier left last Thursday for their home in Greenwood.

Mr. J. R. McLeod has gone to Camden today.

Mr. J. C. McLeod had a severe shock during an electrical storm at this place last Wednesday afternoon. He is much better now.

Mr. J. K. Richburg has been sick but has recovered.

Mr. C. L. Britton of Sumter spent a few days of last week with relatives in Egypt.

SUMMERTON.

Summerton, June 5.—The attention of the people of our community has been centred this week upon two entertainments, the chief interest of each lying in the fact that it was a demonstration of local talent.

On Wednesday evening last, a play, entitled "The Elopement of Ellen" was presented to a large audience. Gotten up under the auspices of the "Racketeers" tennis club, its proceeds are designated to lend aid to that organization and still another organization, the Summerton Fire Department. The entire cast deserve credit for the entertaining manner in which they portrayed the several characters; and they will easily be accorded a place in the front ranks of amateur players.

The music of the Summerton Or-

chestra between acts together with the vocal selections by the Misses Cantey, and Miss Louise Scarborough, was a prominent factor in making the entertainment a success.

On Friday evening the closing exercises of the Summerton Graded School took place. The program was particularly well ordered and interesting. The main feature of the evening was an oratorical contest, in which six boys took part. The selections were good and well delivered, so much so that the judges took no little time in arriving at even a

majority vote. This majority was in favor of Mr. Winfred Rodgers, whose subject was "The Scholar in Politics."

The instrumental numbers which alternated with the orations were much enjoyed.

Mr. J. R. T. Major, pastor of the Methodist church gave a most practical and interesting address.

The last feature of the program was the awarding of diplomas to a class of two, Miss Mildred James and Mr. Hays LeGrand, who have completed the 11th grade work. This was done

by Prof. Meadows in a few appropriate remarks.

MAYESVILLE.

Mayesville, June 3.—Another evidence of the commercial growth of this town was given yesterday, when Postmaster Cooper received notice from Washington that his salary would be raised to the \$1,100 class on July 1. On January 1 this office was placed in the third class with a salary of \$1,000 attached. This second raise within six months shows the increase in business in the office

and the growth of the town and community. Postmaster Cooper has been in the office here as postmaster since February, 1903, and before that date as assistant for some time, and has always given general satisfaction.

The building wave continues, and all such work is progressing nicely. Several more residences are in course of construction, and others are contemplated in the near future. The tearing away of the old hotel building was begun yesterday in order to make way for the handsome new hotel to be built by W. N. McElveen. This

improvement will no doubt be welcome news to many traveling men, who come to Mayesville. It is expected to complete the new building by September 1.

Work on the claying of the main streets of the town is progressing satisfactorily, and the driveways will be second to none when completed.

Mr and Mrs. Claude Breeden, who have been spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. G. Muldrow, Mrs. Breeden's parents, have returned to Edinburg, Indiana.



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